

# **MINUTES**

**North Carolina Aeronautics Council**

**April 21, 2010**

**3:00 P.M.**

**Sea Trail Resort & Convention Center**

**Sunset Beach, NC**

The April 21, 2010 Aeronautics Council meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Carter Keller at the Sea Trail Resort and Convention Center, Brunswick County, Sunset Beach, NC.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carter Keller, Chairman

David Barker

Jim Heavner

Henry Isaacson

M. W. Mullinix, Sr.

Joe Randall, Vice Chairman

Bill Reese

Doreen Richter

Jim Shaw

Larry Wagner

Norman Wiginton, II

Jay Wyatt

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brian Campbell, Resigned

Melvin Daniels, Jr.

Cress Horne

## **AVIATION STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Walls, Director of Aviation

Rick Barks

Shirley Pearce-Rowley

Nancy Seigler

Bobby Walston

## **DOT**

Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary of Transit

## **GUESTS**

Howie Franklin, Manager of Brunswick County Airport

Scott Hinton, Manager of Elizabeth City CGAS/Regional Airport

Chairman Keller welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting.

Chairman Keller asked all Council members to review the agenda, read the NC Aeronautics Council Ethics Policy Declaration and sign, agreeing to comply with the disclosure requirements and the ethics provisions of Executive Orders 34 and 35 signed by Governor Beverly E. Perdue, affirming to have reviewed the April 21, 2010 Council Agenda and not having any financial, professional, or other economic interest in any project being considered. Forms were signed and returned to the Aeronautics Council Secretary, Shirley Pearce-Rowley for the Council records/files. There were no recommendations presented for funding of projects at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Keller asked for a motion for approval of the February 16th meeting minutes. A motion was made by Council member Bill Reese, motion was seconded and the February minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

### **Elizabeth City CGAS/Regional Airport**

Scott Hinton, Manager of the airport gave a brief update to the Council, reporting a change in their DRS Facility, talked about the University, Coast Guard and new hangar.

Chairman Keller introduced Jim Westmoreland, Deputy Secretary for Transit. Mr. Westmoreland touched on the following Highlights.

- Partnering with aviation communities across the state.
- BOT Developing and Prioritizing.
- Development investment strategy needs to be more than a Highway Department in the future.
- Encouragement to Council members to reach out to BOT members in their area.
- Governor's Budget – Another difficult year ahead – Good News - Allocation same as last year, 17 million.
- The starting of a NC Mobility Fund – Transfer of funds from the Highway Trust fund to help with certain projects.
- Legislative Task Force – Master Plan for NC
- Issues NC is being faced with relating to the growing population.
- Commerce – flying people all over NC, showing them the state to bring business to NC.

Questions and answer session followed Mr. Westmoreland's briefing.

Council member Jim Heavner stated that building of an airport is getting more difficult every year and he suggested when dealing with elective officials, having the data is so important. There was a discussion on state and federal gasoline tax cap. It was suggested the NCDOT Chief Finance Officer, Mark Foster come and give the Council a report.

## **Business**

- **Funding Update**

Mr. Rick Barkes gave a brief update on the funding.  
Part A of the Block Grant - Ten and half million dollars

Part B is on its way -

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- **Update on Brunswick County Airport**

Howie Franklin, Manager of the Brunswick Co. Airport gave a brief update. He reported the airport is doing well. The length of the runway extension will be increased from 4300 feet to 5500 feet.

- **Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy**

Rick Barkes, Aviation System Development Manager, gave an update on the 2010 Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy Camps. The camp locations are Charlotte, Greensboro, Elizabeth City and Winston-Salem. The camps are for junior high school and senior high school students. The camps promote all aspects of aviation careers: Piloting, Mechanics, Engineering and Avionics. For locations and dates go to the ACE Camp website ([www.ncaviationeducation.aero](http://www.ncaviationeducation.aero))

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Walls reported on the following:

- "Aviation Appreciation Week" Handout to Council Members for their review and feed back to him with their comments, additions. Document will be present for Endorsement to Governor Perdue for her concurrence proclaiming the week of December 3, 2010 as "Aviation Appreciation Week". (Copy attached)
- NCAA Legislative Day – June 9<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged all to attend.
- North Carolina Airport Association (NCAA) Conference and Board Members.

He thanked Lisa Edwards, NCAA Conference Coordinator for all the detail work in helping to set up the Council meeting and the conference.

He thanked the NCAA Board for their contribution of \$5000.00 toward funding for the ACE Camps.

- The 2010 Airport Meetings – Information to and from Airports in North Carolina.  
Bobby Walston, Airport Development Engineer reported on the 62 airport meetings in 2 months,. The meetings were held at the Division of Aviation office this year which made it much easier for the development manager and engineers, compared to the 2004 meetings which were held at the airports. This was a big saving for the Division. Mr. Walston reported the meetings were successful and good information gathered. Some airports

are still struggling with the matched funding amount.  
Talked about the Mobility Fund - Collected airport projects and their needs. Mr. Barkes commented, the biggest challenge for aviation is "Message", Local Reach Out and Economic Recruitment.

Question was asked about the Grant for Stanly County that was approved by the Council back in December, which was for the parking lot at the new terminal building. Stanly County has not received the money. Mr. Barkes stated the grant has been written and Deputy Secretary, Jim Westmoreland signed off on it. This issue will be searched and taken care of as soon as possible.

Question was asked about the Aviation staff attendances at the annual 2010 EAA Airventure Oshkosh in Oshkosh, WI on July 26 – August 1. Staff representation at the event this year was confirmed by Director Wallls. Council member B. Mullinix commented on the great work the aviation staff has done in the pass representing the State of North Carolina and how hard they work at these events.

Council member Bill Mullinix informed the Council and Staff that the Lt. Governor Walter Dalton would be the speaker for the NCAA luncheon on Friday, April 23, 2010.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh. Should there be a change, the council members and staff will be notified.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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Carter Keller, Chairman

Date

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Doreen Richter, Secretary

Date